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1. Ten to fifteen thousand young troops, of tank, artillery, engineer and infantry units were located in camps in the woods at the troop training grounds of EISENACH (L 51/H 76).
2. The activities at the troop training grounds had decreased since about mid-September 1949. It was said that most of the units located there were to leave for OHRDRUF (M 51/J 15) in October 1949. Some small units had gone earlier to the OHRDRUF area, taking their materiel and billeting equipment with them.
3. [redacted] the personnel of several companies underwent infantry training at squad level.

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Comment:

Component units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps (i.e. 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and 21st Gds Mecz Div) held their 1949 summer maneuvers at the KINDEL troop training grounds near EISENACH from May to the fall of 1949. These maneuvers were frequently reported and confirmed by the [] contained in this report. It is considered possible that component units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps moved to OHNDRUF in October 1949. It is assumed from other information that large-scale maneuvers were conducted in the OHNDRUF-ARNSTADT-NEUDLETENDORF area in October 1949.

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